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STUDY OF LIBRARY CATALOG CARD REPRODUCTION TO BE MADE

Launching of an important study of catalog card reproduction under the auspices of the Library Technology Project of the American Library Association, with the financial support of the Council on Library Resources, Inc., was announced this month.

Each year almost every one of the many millions of books acquired by the tens of thousands of libraries in the United States must be cataloged. In nearly every instance a set of catalog (index) cards is required for each book. This set of cards may range from a simple set of three cards to one containing as many as ten or more cards for a single book. In the instance of a library system with several branches duplicate sets of cards may be required for each branch.

There are two principal sources of printed catalog cards in the United States: the Library of Congress and the H. W. Wilson Company of New York. The national library sold 32 million cards this past year. H. W. Wilson, which supplies cards for the most frequently purchased books, sold a comparable number. Despite these two sources, both of major importance to libraries for assisting them in the work of cataloging, the number of cards which individual libraries must produce for their own requirements is tremendous, running to a figure of the order of 100 million a year.

In consequence, almost every library makes use of some form of card-reproduction equipment. The most-used methods of reproducing cards are by offset, mimeograph, spirit duplication, typewriter or automatic typewriter, and photography. All are expensive, and are otherwise inefficient in various ways. For the past 75 years methods have been sought to duplicate cards more efficiently, more rapidly, and at less expense.

The newly announced study will be divided into two phases. In the first phase, current catalog card production will be analyzed. In the second phase, design and production of new equipment for card production, based on first-phase findings, will be investigated.

Among the facets of the problem to be studied in the first phase, for which $49,470 has been allocated, are: the concept of the catalog card as the most efficient and economical means of indexing a library's holdings; the availability, cost and methods for reproducing catalog cards in libraries of all sizes and types; and evaluation of presently available makes and models of card-reproduction equipment.

The systems study will be carried out by the management firm of George Fry & Associates of Chicago. Joseph H. Treyz, Jr., assistant head of the cataloging department at Yale University Library, will work full time with the Fry staff during the study.

PROGRAM

American Theological Library Association
Fifteenth Annual Conference, Washington, D. C., June 13-15, 1961
Host: Wesley Theological Seminary, Mr. Roland E. Kircher, Librarian

The fifteenth annual conference of the American Theological Library Association will be held at Wesley Theological Seminary, 4400 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C., with the formal program beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 13, and concluding with the banquet on Thursday evening, June 15. Monday and Friday are free to permit pre-conference and post-conference activities.

MONDAY, June 12

1:00 p.m. Registration begins. Afternoon and evening sightseeing may be planned.
3:00 p.m. Executive Committee will meet.

TUESDAY, June 13

8:30 a.m. Devotions - Mr. Warren R. Mehl, Librarian, Eden Theological Seminary
9:00 a.m. FIRST SESSION - Mr. Edwin C. Osburn, Librarian, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, presiding
Address: Dr. Kenneth S. Gapp, President, ATLA; Librarian, Princeton Theological Seminary
Paper: "Church History and the National Union Catalog" - Dr. Nelson R. Burr, Subject Cataloger, The Library of Congress
Committee Report: Membership - Mr. William M. Robarts Assistant Librarian, Union Theological Seminary in New York
Committee Report: Building and Equipment - Mr. George H. Bricker, Librarian, Lancaster Theological Seminary
Committee Report: Denominational Resources - Dr. Niels H. Sonne, Librarian, General Theological Seminary

12:30 p.m. Lunch

2:00 p.m. Organized library visit: Folger Shakespeare Library

5:45 p.m. Dinner (denominational groups may eat together)

7:00 p.m. SECOND SESSION - Dr. Jules L. Moreau, Librarian, Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, presiding
Address: "A Roman Catholic Views Contemporary Protestant Theology" - Dr. Gustave Weigel, S. J., Professor of Theology, Woodstock College
Committee Report: International Association of Theological Libraries - Dr. George B. Ehlhardt, Librarian, Theological Seminary of the University of Dubuque
Board Report: Microtext Reproduction - Dr. Raymond P. Morris, Librarian, Yale Divinity School

PROGRAM - Continued

WEDNESDAY, June 14

8:30 a.m. Devotions - Mr. Warren R. Mehl

9:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. WORKSHOPS

1. The Dewey Decimal Classification. Leader: Mr. Benjamin A. Custer, Editor of the Dewey Decimal Classification, The Library of Congress
2. The Library of Congress Classification and its new BL-BX Schedules. Leader: Mr. Theodore A. Mueller, Subject Cataloger, The Library of Congress

11:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. WORKSHOPS

1. Subject Headings, Theory and Practice. Leader: Dr. Leonard W. Ellinwood, Subject Cataloger, The Library of Congress
2. Reference Resources and Reference Work in Religion. Leader: Mr. Beverly H. Brown, Senior Reference Librarian on the Christian Religion, The Library of Congress
3. Manuscript Collections, Administration and Cataloging. Leader: Miss Mabel E. Deutrich, Archivist in Charge, Early Wars Branch, The National Archives

1:00 p.m. Lunch

2:00 p.m. Election ballots due

2:30 p.m. Organized library visit: Dumbarton Oaks Research Library

5:45 p.m. Dinner (denominational groups may eat together)

7:00 p.m. THIRD SESSION - Mr. Roscoe M. Pierson, Librarian, The College of the Bible, presiding

Panel on Professional Library Personnel: Salary, Status, Tenure, etc. Panel members: Mr. Pierson moderating; Dr. Charles L. Taylor, Executive Director, American Association of Theological Schools; Mr. John Carson Rather, Specialist for College and Research Libraries, U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare; Miss Susan A. Schultz, Librarian, Asbury Theological Seminary; and Mr. Frank P. Grisham, Librarian, Vanderbilt University Divinity School

Committee Report: Personnel and Placement - Mrs. Pierre R. Quiers, Librarian, Northwestern Lutheran Theological Seminary

Committee Report: Financial Assistance from Foundations - Dr. Arthur E. Jones, Librarian, Drew University

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THURSDAY, June 15

8:30 a.m. Devotions - Mr. Warren R. Mehl

9:00 a.m. FOURTH SESSION - Mr. Thomas E. Camp, Librarian, Divinity School of the University of the South, presiding
Paper: "Patristic Studies: the Present State of the Bibliography" - Dr. Glanville Downey, Professor of Byzantine Literature, Dumbarton Oaks Research Library
Report of the ATLA Representative on the ALA Committee on Reprinting - Dr. Niels H. Sonne
Report of the ATLA Representative on the ALA Council - Miss Betty Jane Highfield, Librarian, North Park College and Theological Seminary
Board Report: Periodical Indexing - Mr. Calvin H. Schmitt, Librarian, McCormick Theological Seminary
Report on U. S. Book Exchange - Miss Lucille Ball, Director
Report of the Commission on Lilly Endowment Scholarships - Dr. Kenneth S. Gapp

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Committee Report: Newsletter - Miss Magdalen Friesen, Librarian, Mennonite Biblical Seminary
Committee Report: Periodical Exchange - Miss Susan A. Schultz
Treasurer's Report - Mr. Harold B. Prince, Librarian, Columbia Theological Seminary
Report of Audit Committee
Proposed Budget for 1961-1962 - Mr. Harold B. Prince
Other Business
Report on Book Exhibit - Mr. Alec R. Allenson
Report of Resolutions Committee

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FRIDAY, June 16

POST-CONFERENCE TOURS, as pre-registered earlier in the week:

Section I: Library of Congress
Section II: National Archives
Section III: United States Book Exchange
etc.

CHICAGO AND HARVARD OFFER SUMMER PROGRAMS OF INTEREST TO THEOLOGICAL LIBRARIANS

The bibliography of theology, as used by the research scholar and by the theological librarian, is the subject matter of a new course to be offered jointly by the Graduate Library School and the Divinity School of the University of Chicago during the Summer Quarter, 1961. The course carries credit in both schools, and is part of a recently initiated joint program in Theological Librarianship.

The course will be open to advanced students in either theology or librarianship. It is designed to serve two purposes: to be a professional course for theological librarians, and also to be a tool course for graduate students in theology engaged in either general or particular research. Attention will be paid not only to reference books, bibliographies, and sources of information and evaluation, but also to some of the major substantive works in the field of theology.

The instructor for the course is Dr. Jules Laurence Moreau, Librarian and Associate Professor of Church History at Seabury-Western Theological Seminary. Dr. Moreau is a well-known scholar, teacher, and librarian in the theological field. He has taught in both the bibliographical and theological areas; he is the translator of Thorleif Boman's Hebrew Thought Compared with Greek, published in 1960; his latest book, Language and Religious Language, has just been published this year.

The Summer Quarter at the University of Chicago begins on June 19, 1961. Further information may be secured from: The Dean, Graduate Library School, University of Chicago, Chicago 37, Illinois.

The Harvard Divinity School in Cambridge, Massachusetts, has announced an eight-week Summer Program for Theological Language Study which it will offer from July 5 through August 30 in the coming summer. The five courses which will be available are Elementary Hebrew, Introduction to New Testament Greek, Patristic and Ecclesiastical Latin, Theological German, and Theological French. Persons desiring detailed information may write to: Mr. Ralph Lazzaro, Director, Summer Program for Language Study, Harvard Divinity School, 45 Francis Avenue, Cambridge 38, Massachusetts.

METHODIST LIBRARIANS' FELLOWSHIP TO MEET

The Methodist Librarians' Fellowship will meet at the Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D. C., on Sunday and Monday, June 11-12, just prior to the annual ATLA Conference. The featured speaker will be the Reverend Edwin Schell, President of the Baltimore Conference Methodist Historical Society, who will address the group on Sunday evening on the subject, "What the Church Historian Expects of Methodist Librarians, and What the Church Historian Can Contribute to Methodist Libraries." Other sessions will be devoted to discussions of microfilming of Methodist materials, the preparation of a Union List of Methodist library holdings of the Christian Advocate, the communication between Methodist Historical Societies and Methodist libraries, and procedure for reporting holdings to the National Union List of Manuscripts.

CHRISTIAN PERIODICAL INDEX IN FIVE-YEAR CUMULATION

A five-year cumulative volume of the Christian Periodical Index is scheduled for publication this month. It will cover the years 1956-1960 and will be designated as volume one. It will provide a subject index for the following periodical titles:

Asbury Seminarian
Bibliotheca Sacra
Christian Life
Christianity Today
Church History
Evangelical Christian
Evangelical Quarterly
Eternity
Frontier
Gordon Review
His
Hymn
International Review of Missions
Interpretation
Journal of the American Scientific Affiliation
Moody
Pastoral Psychology
United Evangelical Action
Westminster Theological Journal
Practical Anthropology

The list price of the volume is $12.50 but it may be obtained for only $10.95 by those institutions who have subscribed to the previous annual volumes. Orders should be directed to the Buffalo Bible Institute Book Store, 910 Union Road, Buffalo 24, New York.

DR. L. R. ELLIOTT TO CONDUCT CURRICULA STUDY

Dr. L. R. Elliott, Librarian Emeritus of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, has been asked to conduct a study of the curricula of theological education within the evangelical framework. He wishes to hear from any other ATLA librarians who know of similar studies being conducted at this time. Dr. Elliott should be addressed at Box 22882, Fort Worth 15, Texas.

NEWS OF ATLA MEMBERS - Continued

Mr. Edward Krentz, Librarian of Concordia Theological Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri, has received a scholarship from the American School of Classical Studies in Athens, Greece, to study there in the coming summer session. While in Europe, Mr. Krentz also plans to spend some time visiting booksellers.

The Reverend James Michael will join the staff of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri, on July 1 as Assistant Librarian in charge of readers' services. Pastor Michael holds the B. A. degree from the University of Wisconsin and a theological diploma from Concordia Seminary in Springfield, Illinois. He is presently serving a pastorate in Madison, Wisconsin.

The Reverend John Warwick Montgomery, Chairman of the Department of History at Waterloo Lutheran University, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, is the author of three recent publications: "The Apologetic Approach of Muhammad Ali and Its Implications for Christian Apologetics," The Muslim World, a Quarterly Journal of Islamic Study and of Christian Interpretation among Muslims, LI (April, 1961), 111-122; "Ascension Perspective," a sermon, The Cresset, a Review of Literature, the Arts, and Public Affairs, XXIV (May, 1961); "God's Devil," a short story, Chiaroscuro, IV (1961), 20-28.

Mr. Theodore A. Mueller retired on March 31, 1961, after thirty-one and one-half years of distinguished service as a cataloger in the fields of philosophy and religion in the Library of Congress. Descendant of a long line of Lutheran clergy and teachers, he was born and reared in Milwaukee's German-American community. He was graduated from Concordia College, Milwaukee, in 1910, and from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in 1913. He studied in the University of Chicago Divinity School from 1913 to 1917, taking the M. A. degree in 1915. From 1917 to 1921, he was in charge of the library of the Divinity School, then served until 1929 as a cataloger and classifier of religious material in the University of Chicago Library. By 1929, Mr. Mueller had achieved a national reputation as the leading cataloger in the difficult field of theology, church history, and liturgies. Charles Martel, Chief of LC's Cataloging Division, recruited Mr. Mueller for service in the Library of Congress. He began his work in the Library on September 16, 1929, and headed a special section in that division. With the reorganization of the processing activities of the Library in 1940, he became senior cataloger for Classes B-BX, Philosophy and Religion, with general responsibility for all the humanities in the newly organized Subject Cataloging Division of the Processing Department. A major achievement of recent years was his preparation of an extensively revised second edition of the schedule for Religion, which is now in press.

NEWS OF ATLA MEMBERS - Continued

Dr. Roger Nicole, Curator of the Library of the Gordon Divinity School, Beverly Farms, Massachusetts, has been commissioned to travel through Europe this summer in order to find materials which hopefully might be microfilmed and placed on deposit in a large Reformation center in this country. His trip will take him to the Netherlands, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, France, England, Scotland, and Ireland. Dr. Nicole will also attend the International Reformed Conference in Cambridge, England, and on August 12 will address that assembly on "The New Testament View of Scripture."

Dr. Frank W. Price, who has been Director of the Missionary Research Library in New York City since February 1956, will retire on June 30, 1961, and will leave New York about August 1. After that date the address of Dr. and Mrs. Price will be Hillcrest Lane, Morningside Heights, Lexington, Virginia. During the academic year 1961-1962, Dr. Price will be Professor of International Studies at Mary Baldwin College in Staunton, Virginia. He and Mrs. Price hope to make an extended trip to the Orient in 1962-1963.

Miss Ruth C. Roth, who for the past two years has been Librarian of Woodruff High School in Peoria, Illinois, has resigned her position and on September 1, 1961, will become Assistant Reference and Periodicals Librarian at Bradley University in Peoria. She was formerly Assistant Librarian at Garrett Biblical Institute in Evanston, Illinois. Avocationally, Miss Roth is engaged in church library work primarily among the Mennonites in Illinois and would be interested to hear from any other theological librarians who are similarly engaged.

Mrs. Elinor Toop, who has been in charge of circulation and stacks at the Andover-Harvard Theological Library of the Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, Massachusetts, will become Assistant Librarian for Public Services on July 1, 1961.

HARVARD DIVINITY SCHOOL OCCUPIES NEW LIBRARY QUARTERS

The Andover-Harvard Theological Library of the Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, Massachusetts, began moving into its new library quarters in April. The new facilities join the old Andover Hall where the library has previously been housed. The old stack area in Andover Hall will continue to be used for that purpose; but all staff activities and public services will be housed in the new building. In addition to considerably enlarged staff working area and reading room space, the new structure provides stack area for the shelving of an additional 120,000 volumes as well as facilities for the storage and use of rare books and manuscripts. Mr. James Tanis is the Librarian.

PERIODICALS - BIRTHS AND DEATHS

The first issue of the American Church Quarterly: A Theological Review, numbered volume 1, number 1, and dated Easter 1961, has recently been distributed. It is published by the American Church Union in New York City.

Among the articles in the initial number are "Canon Quick's Theory of Holy Orders Reconsidered" by William H. Dunphy; "The Catholic Faith and the Training of Candidates for the Priesthood" by Walter C. Klein; "Law Without Legalism" by J. V. Langmead Casserley; and "The Form of the Cross in the Life of the Church" by Thomas J. Talley.

Annual subscriptions are $3.50; single copies are $1.00. Subscriptions and inquiries should be directed to: The American Church Quarterly, Suite 1311, 347 Madison Avenue, New York 17, New York.

Volume 1, number 1 of Contemporary Religions in Japan appeared in March 1960. It is published quarterly by the International Institute for the Study of Religions in Tokyo and is edited by the Director of Research at the Institute, William P. Woodard.

The first issue contains the following articles: "The Religious Situation in Present-day Japan" by Keiji Mishitani; "Religion and Morality" by Yasumasa Oshima; "The Principles of Shrine Shinto" by Naofusa Hirai; and "Soka Gakkai and the Nichiren Sho Sect."

Subscriptions are $4.50 a year. Single copies are $1.25 a copy. Orders may be placed through the Charles E. Tuttle Company, Rutland, Vermont.

NEW ACQUISITIONS

Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey, has recently received several incunabula as gifts. From the Estate of William E. Allen of Blairstown, New Jersey, the Library obtained the Biblia Latina, printed at Cologne by Conrad Winters de Homborch in 1479, and a beautiful specimen, in Riviere binding, of the Pontificale Romanum published by Stephen Plannck in Rome in 1497. From the four heirs of Charles R. Erdman, Sr., the Speer Library received an original leaf of the Gutenberg Bible from the Song of Solomon, bound with a preface by A. E. Newton. Dr. Kenneth S. Gapp is the Librarian.

Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri, recently purchased a library of more than two hundred titles dealing with the Peasants' War in sixteenth-century Germany. The collection contains books, dissertations, and journal articles in addition to some twenty items of German fiction dealing with the subject. Mr. Edgar Krentz is the Librarian.

MISCELLANEA

The Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Austin, Texas, has published a pamphlet entitled A History of the Communion Token by James Andres Beverley. The twenty-page publication also contains The Story of the Formation of the Token Collection Located at The Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary Library by Oliver Keith Rumbel. One copy of the pamphlet will be sent without charge to any library requesting it; additional copies will be supplied at the rate of twenty-five cents each. Requests should be directed to Mr. Norman Dow, Librarian, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, 100 West 27th Street, Austin 5, Texas.

The Alumni Association of the Western Evangelical Seminary in Portland, Oregon, has undertaken a four-year Alumni Library Project, in which each member of the Association has pledged himself to be responsible for raising $30.00 a year to be applied toward the purchase of new books and the cost of their cataloging for the George Hallaver Memorial Library. Dr. Nobel V. Sack is the Librarian.

The Committee on History and Research of the Reformed Church in America has decided to dispose of its surplus unbound copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America. No complete sets are available, but individual issues can be obtained for most years from 1791 through 1959 at a cost of fifty cents each plus shipping charges. Requests should be addressed to Mr. Peter N. VandenBerge, Librarian, New Brunswick Theological Seminary, New Brunswick, New Jersey. Mr. VandenBerge is Chairman of the denomination's Committee on History and Research and is presently supervising the complete reorganization and classification of the Archives of the Reformed Church which are located at the New Brunswick Theological Seminary.

The Library of Union Theological Seminary, New York City, has recently acquired a number of duplicate reports of several Hawaiian church-sponsored organizations, the most important one being an almost complete run of the Hawaiian Evangelical Association Annual Report, vol. 16, 1879, through vol. 138, 1960. This material is offered at no cost, but prompt response would be desirable. Inquiries should be addressed to Mr. Robert F. Beach, Librarian, Union Theological Seminary, 3041 Broadway, New York 27, New York.

POSITION OPEN

The Missionary Research Library in New York City will have a cataloging position open on October 1, 1961. Interested persons should address their inquiries to The Director, Missionary Research Library, 3041 Broadway, New York 27, New York.